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GENERAL HEADING - British West Africa

SUB-HEAD - Loan of services of Stor Serg[t] J J Jabbett for West Africa Frontier Force

D to India, No. 1 p. 10 dated 4 Jan 1900.	Services of Stor Serg[t] J J Jabbett placed at disposal of Colonial Office for service with W A F Force.
D to India, No. 25 p. 5 dated 1 Mar 1900.	Fwds correspondence re conditions re loan of Serg Jabbett.
D from India, No. 142 p. 19. dated 19 Sep 1901.	Docts of Serg[t] Jabbett sent home with a view to his discharge & continue service in N. Nigeria.
From India, No. 179 p. 32 dated 8th Oct 1903.	asks whether Store Sgt. Jabbett has been discharged.
To India, No. 139 p. 18 dated 20th Nov. 1903.	He was discharged on 8/8/01, in order to remain in the service of the Govt. of Northern Nigeria.
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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

DRAFT LETTER to—

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M. S. to sign.

INDIA OFFICE,

31 JAN. 1912

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th Jan., No. 665 W. A., regarding ~~I am directed to inform you that~~ Mr. G. F. Gabbett, formerly Store Sergeant, Indian Ordnance Dept., I am directed to inform you that non-commissioned Officers employed in Indian Army Departments are borne on the rolls of British units and are pensioned as British soldiers under the orders of the War Office. I am to suggest therefore that you should communicate with that Department

Section No. 786
Sent B

(Form 10.)

12462. I. 2583. 5000.—12/1911.

Department regarding the service of
Mr. Gabbett who was borne on the
rolls of the Royal Fusiliers at the
date of his discharge.

BBH

30/1/12

(Sd) BEAUCHAMP DUFF,
General.
Military Secretary.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following number quoted. 665 W.A.

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M
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1912.

Downing Street,
25 January, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to the India Office letter (No.M.1597) of the 8th of February 1901, respecting Store Sergeant G.F.Gabbett of the Indian Ordnance Department, I am directed by Mr Secretary Harcourt to state that Mr Gabbett has now been invalided from the service of Northern Nigeria and has submitted a claim to superannuation. In connexion with this claim Mr Harcourt would be glad to learn whether Mr Gabbett would in any circumstances have been entitled to count his service in Northern Nigeria from April 1900 to September 1901, while he still retained his position in the Indian Ordnance Department, for pension or retired pay from Indian (or Imperial) funds. In that event his service for the purpose of calculating his Northern Nigeria pension must be reckoned under the Treasury rules from September 1901, but otherwise it would be reckoned from April 1900, when he first entered the Protectorate service.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. V. Fiddes

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

INDIA OFFICE.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

DRAFT LETTER to—

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Mr. G. F. Sabbett,
Chandos,
Hampton Road,
Twickenham.

INDIA OFFICE,

13 NOV. 1907

Mr. G. F. Sabbett,

In reply to your letter of the 9th November I am directed to inform you that a non-commissioned Officer of the Indian Unattached list is pensioned by the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital Chelsea and presumably all military service before discharge, unless forfeited, would count for pension purposes. The question whether service under the Colonial Office rendered by a soldier who is afterwards discharged from the Army without military pension, would count towards civil pension is a question for that Department

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12.11.07

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Lieut. General,
Military Secretary.

(Form 10.) 12.11.07

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Chandos
Hamptan Road
Twickenham
9th November 1907

The Under Secretary of State
The India Office.
S.W.

Sir.

I have the honour to request, that you will kindly let me know the ruling in the following, which at present affects me.

A. Staff Serjt. on leave from India is appointed for and does duty with the West-African Frontier Force.

" Does the time he serves with the W. A. F. F. count towards pension under the Government of India. If not does it count towards a civil pension.

I have the honour to be.

Your most obedient Servant.

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G. F. Gabbett.
Marine Dept.
N. Nigeria
Late Ordnc. Dept. India.

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1903.

EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 139 para. 18

Dated 20 Nov 1903.

18. Store Sergeant G. F. A. Gabbett, of the Indian Ordnance Department, was discharged from the service on the 8th August 1901 in order that he might remain in the service of the Government of Northern Nigeria.

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[*In reply to paragraph* 32 *of your Military Despatch No.* 179, *dated* 8*th October* 1903.]

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The,

Under Secretary of State for India,

India Office,

Whitehall,

Hounslow, 30th October 1903.

Sir,

In reply I have the honor to inform you that Sergt Gabbit was discharged the service on the 8th August 1901, under instructions received from War Office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H Doward Colonel.

Commanding 7/57th Regimental Districts.

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INDIA OFFICE

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the undermentioned letter *and* number *may be quoted, and the reply addressed to—*

The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

M. 14898.

India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

29th October 1903.

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with the date of discharge of Store Sergeant G. F. A. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department. This Non-Commissioned Officer was discharged by you about the end of July 1901 under instructions from the War Office, in order that he might continue in the service of the Government of Northern Nigeria.

The Non-Commissioned Officer was, it is believed, borne on the rolls of the Royal Fusiliers at the time of his discharge having been transferred to that Regiment, when the Middlesex Regiment, to which he originally belonged, left India in 1898.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J Kitchener

Major-General,

Military Secretary.

The Officer Commanding,
7/57th Regimental Districts,
Hounslow.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

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Addressed to The officer Commanding,

4/5th Regimental Districts,

Hounslow.

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

INDIA OFFICE,

29 OCT. 1903

Sir,

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter~~ ~~of the~~ request that you will be so good ~~and to inform you in reply that~~ as furnish me with the date of discharge of Store Sergeant G.F.A. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department.

This N.C.O was discharged by you about the end of July 1901 under instructions from the War Office, in order that he might continue in the service of the Government of Northern Nigeria. The N.C.O was, it is believed, borne on the rolls of the Royal Fusiliers at the time of his discharge, having been transferred to that Regiment, when the Middlesex Regt, to which he originally belonged, left India in 1898.

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(8'D) E. STEDMAN.
Major General
Military Secretary.

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EXTRACT PARA. 32 OF A DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO. 179, DATED 8TH OCTOBER 1903.

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32. We should be glad to be informed whether Store-Sergeant G. F. A. Gabbett, of the Ordnance Department in India, has been granted his discharge, and, if so, from what date. [*With reference to paragraph 19 of our military despatch No. 142, dated the 19th September 1901.*]

* * * * * * * *

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) T. RALEIGH.
„ E. FG. LAW.
„ E. R. ELLES.
„ A. T. ARUNDEL.
„ DENZIL IBBETSON.

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Extract para. 32 of a Military Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 179, dated the 8th October 1903.

32. Enquiry whether Store-Sergeant Gabbett, Ordnance Department, has been granted his discharge and, if so, from what date.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

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Addressed to

Under Secretary of State

War Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

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INDIA OFFICE,

10 OCT. 1901

Ler

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of

1st Oct. 1901 No. 18/7/112 J. 1.

and to acquaint you in reply that

the deferred pay of Store Dept.
G. F. A. Gabbett, late of the
Indian Ordnance Dept. will
not be issued by this Office.

This documents have
now been received from India
and are herewith forwarded.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Mr Sur pp. 11728.

EXTRACT PARA. 19 OF A DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO. 142, DATED 19TH SEPTEMBER 1901.

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19. The documents of Store-Sergeant G. F. A. Gabbett, of the Ordnance Department in India, are herewith forwarded. [*In reply to military telegram dated India Office, the 2nd August 1901.*]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) CURZON.
„ A. P. PALMER.
„ C. M. RIVAZ.
„ T. RALEIGH.
„ E. FG. LAW.
„ E. R. ELLES.
„ A. T. ARUNDEL.

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Extract para. 19 of a Military Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 142, dated the 19th September 1901.

19. Documents of Store-Sergeant G. F. A. Gabbett.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 142, dated the 19th September 1901.

(Enclosure to para. 19.)

Serial No.	Number and date of paper.	From whom or to whom.	Subject.
1	No. 2805-B, dated 30th August 1901, and enclosures in original.	From Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay.	Documents of Store-Sergeant Gabbett of the Ordnance Department.

C.R. Military

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

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October, 1901.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council that the amount of Deferred pay due to G.F.A.Gabbett, referred to in India Office letter, 8837/1901, dated the 8th August last, has been issued by this Department and to request that no steps in the matter may be taken by your Department.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. Thomas

For Accountant General.

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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Addressed to

The Under Secretary of State,

War Office.

Reminder in *weeks.*

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INDIA OFFICE,

8 AUG. 1901

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th July 1901 No. 044/5796 A.G 2 and to acquaint you in reply that the Government of India have been requested by telegram to lend home the documents of Store. Lieut. G. F. A. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Dept., without delay.

(S'D) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Minute Paper.

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Military Department.

Letter No.

Received 30 July 1901.

Formally acknowledged ~

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Under Secretary.....	2/8/01	F.L.S.
Secretary of State.....		
Committee		
Under Secretary.....		
Secretary of State.....		
Council		

Store-Serg^t G. F. A. Gabbett
Ordnance Dept
—
Discharge.

Approved Council, 190 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to No. M. dated 190 .
Despatch to No. " 190 .
Telegram to Viceroy No. 463 " 2 Aug^t 1901.

Fwd
H.
2 Aug 01

Sent 2/8/01
W.H.V.

The services of
Store-Serg^t G. F. A. Gabbett,
Indian Ordnance Dep^t
were placed at the
disposal of the Colonial
Office from 7 Feb. 1900
for service in Nigeria
He has since been
recommended by
Brigadier General Lugard
for the grant of a
commission as Quartermaster

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but apparently the War Office will not do this; and so Gabbett has applied for his discharge. This will be carried out but certain papers cannot be completed nor a Parchment certificate of character sent him without his regimental documents, which are in India. It is accordingly proposed to send the following telegram:—

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From Secretary of State to Viceroy

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My military despatch 25

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1st March 1900 paragraph 5.

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In view to discharge in this country please send home without delay the documents of ----------

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Gabbett Ordnance Department

Sent 7/8/07

A.M.A.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Adjutant-General to the Forces,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

M
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386/7

War Office,

London, S.W.

27th July, 1901.

074/5796. (A.G.2).

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, (No: M.8154), I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you that instructions have been issued for the discharge of Store Sergeant G.F.A. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, to be carried out on his original attestation, under Article 1142 (ii) Royal Warrant for Pay, &c., with a view to his continuing in the service of the Government of Northern Nigeria.

As his discharge documents cannot be completed, nor a parchment certificate of character issued to him, until the receipt of his Defaulter sheets, &c., I am to request that you will be so good as to cause his documents to be returned from India and forwarded to the Officer Commanding 7th and 57th Regimental Districts.

The date from which Sergeant Gabbett's discharge will take effect will be notified to you by that Officer.

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30 JUL 1901
INDIA OFFICE

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The
Under Secretary of State,
India Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to

Under Secretary of State
War Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

INDIA OFFICE,
18 JUL. 1901

Sir

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter~~ of 6 and 82

I have the reference to your letter of the Colonial Office dated 13 Dec. 1900 & 13 Jan 1901 Nos 7860/9/622

forward a copy of a

~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~

letter from the Colonial Office dated 12th July 1901 enclosing an application from Store-Sergeant G. F. A. Gabbett Indian Ordnance Dept for discharge from the Army.

I am to enquire whether his discharge can take place at once or whether

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whether it will be
necessary to obtain
documents from India.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

17/3/01

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 23412/1901.

3801/1 P.P. 1594

M 8154 1901.

Downing Street,
12 July, 1901.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th February last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to transmit to you, to be laid before Lord George Hamilton, a copy of a letter from Store Sergeant G.F.A. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, from which it will be seen that this Non-commissioned Officer wishes to remain in the service of the Government of Northern Nigeria and to take his discharge from the Indian Ordnance Department to enable him to do so.

Sergeant Gabbett. 7th July.

2. I am accordingly to request that you will move Lord George Hamilton to cause the necessary steps to be taken, or if the matter is one for settlement by the War Office that Sergeant Gabbett's application may be forwarded to that Department.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
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5, Edwardes Square,

Kensington.

London. W.

7th July, 1901.

From

Mr. G. F. A. Gabbett,

Assistant Store Keeper

Northern Nigeria

To

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office,

London. S.W.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 16924/1901 of 5th July, 1901 - I have the honour to state that it is my wish to contimue in the service of Northern Nigeria and will be glad if the necessary steps may be taken to effect my discharge from the Army at an early date.

I have &c.,

(SGD) G. F. A. GABBETT.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to

Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

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INDIA OFFICE,

8 FEB. 1901

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of

6 Feb. 1901 No. 829/1901

and to acquaint you in reply that

the promotion of Store-Serjt F. T. Gabbett, Indian Ordce Dept. now employed in Nigeria, & the rank of Quartermaster would be a matter for the decision of the Secretary of State for War. I am Lord George Hamilton's

(Form 10.)

9276 I. 2010. 5000.—11/1900.

Hamilton would not
object to this promotion,
but it would necessitate
his permanent removal
from the Indian Department, as he can
only return to that
department and in the
rank of Sergeant.

(S^D) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 829/1901.

386/7 742/00

M 1597 1901.

Downing Street,

February, 1901.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, M.742, of the 26th of January, 1900, and to previous correspondence relative to the employment of Store Sergeant G.F. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, as a Subordinate Officer in the Store and Transport Department of the West African Frontier Force in Northern Nigeria, I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that Sergeant Gabbett was promoted last year to be an Assistant Storekeeper, 2nd Grade, in the Store and Issue Department of Northern Nigeria, with salary at the rate of £250 rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £310 a year.

When proposing Sergeant Gabbett for this appointment in a telegram dated the 13th of September last, the High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria, Brigadier-General Lugard, strongly recommended that he should be granted an honorary commission. Mr Chamberlain did not, however, feel that he was in a position to forward this recommendation to Lord George Hamilton without further information, and he asked Brigadier-General Lugard for particulars, which are contained in the despatch of which a copy is enclosed.

H,C.No.217,26th November,1900.

It

The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

It will be seen that in the High Commissioner's opinion it is not possible for Sergeant Gabbett to occupy his present position while remaining a Non-Commissioned Officer, and, under these circumstances, Mr Chamberlain would be glad if Lord George Hamilton should be able to give favourable consideration to the question of granting him an honorary commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Antrobus

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WEST AFRICAN FRONTIER FORCE.

No.217.

Government House, Jebba,

26th November, 1900.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your despatch No.238 of 21st September 1900, relative to the appointment of Sergeant Gabbett as Storekeeper. It is not possible for Sergeant Gabbett to occupy the position of 2nd Grade Storekeeper while remaining a Non-Commissioned Officer, but if you do not consider it advisable to recommend his being given an Honorary Commission in accordance with my proposal, Sergeant Gabbett would be willing to take his discharge from the Army and to permanently enter the Colonial Service.

With reference to Sergeant Gabbett's previous service and qualifications for an Honorary Commission as Quartermaster in the Army, the Commandant reports as follows:- "The documents of Staff Sergeant Gabbett are not in this country. The original attestation paper of this Non-Commissioned Officer is at the Depôt Royal Fusiliers, Hounslow, and his other documents were, at the time of his leaving India, in charge of the Ordnance Officer, Bombay. I have obtained from Sergeant Gabbett the following statement of his services.

Enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment 3.8.1888.

Age on enlistment - 24 years 10 months.

Embarked for India 2nd January 1891.

Promoted Sergeant 1st June 1892.

Appointed

Appointed Staff Sergeant in the Indian Ordnance Department and transferred to the Bombay Unattached List 15th April 1896.

Left India on twelve months leave (medical certificate) 14.3.1899.

Embarked for West Africa 7.2.1900 (was transferred to Royal Fusiliers when the Middlesex Regiment left India in 1898) Since his arrival in Northern Nigeria, Staff Sergeant Gabbett has worked in the Transport Department as Subordinate Transport Officer, and has been very highly reported on. In my opinion, he is in every way fitted for the grant of an Honorary Commission.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) F.D.LUGARD.

The Right Honourable

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.,

&c. &c. &c.

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1900

EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF India

No. 25 para. 5

Dated 1 March 1900

M 742.

5. The services of Store Sergeant G. F. A. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, have been placed at the disposal of the Colonial Office with effect from 7th February 1900, the date of his embarkation for employment with the West Africa Frontier Force.

His engagement with the West Africa Force is for one year, with a claim to three months' leave on the termination of the year's service, and I have informed the Colonial Office that at the expiration of this period he would be allowed to revert to his position in the Indian Ordnance Department.

Correspondence* on the subject is forwarded herewith.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 10 *of my Military Despatch No.* 1, *dated 4th January* 1900.]

*Letter from Colonial Office, dated 27th December 1899, and enclosures.
Letter to ditto, dated 3rd January 1900, M 12,558.
Letter from ditto, dated 17th January 1900, and enclosures.
Letter to ditto, dated 26th January 1900, M 742.

(Form 5.)

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ENCLOSURES to Para. 5, Military Despatch, No. 35,
dated 1st March 1900.

No. 1.

No. 34,938. Colonial Office, Downing Street,
Sir, 27th December 1899.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M. 12,170 of the 16th of December, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, a copy of a letter which has been addressed to Store-Sergeant G. F. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, with regard to his employment in the West African Frontier Force.

2. With reference to the latter part of the first paragraph of your letter, I am to observe that this Department incurs no liability for pension in the case of Non-Commissioned Officers whose services are lent to the West African Frontier Force from British regiments and corps, and I am to inquire whether the difficulty as to pension in the case of Store-Sergeant Gabbett could not be met by this Department or himself paying the pension contribution for which he becomes liable during his period of service with the West African Frontier Force, the responsibility for pension of any kind remaining as at present with the India Office, and the period of service with the West African Frontier Force counting as Indian service in respect of pension. If so, I am to inquire what will be approximately the amount of such contribution per annum.

3. With reference to the 8th and 9th paragraphs of the Conditions of Service for British Non-Commisssioned Officers of the West African Frontier Force, of which a copy is enclosed for reference, I am to inquire whether, in the event of Store-Sergeant Gabbett completing a full tour of service with the West African Frontier Force, he would be allowed to revert to his position in the Indian Ordnance Department immediately on the expiration of his three months' leave of absence from the West African Frontier Force (unless, with the consent of the Secretary of State for India, he were employed further with the West African Frontier Force); and whether, in the event of his being invalided before the completion of 12 months' service in West Africa, the Secretary of State for India would be willing to adopt the arrangement as to invalided Non-Commissioned Officers described in the 9th paragraph of the Conditions of Service and allow him to commence to draw pay from Indian funds immediately on his arrival in England invalided, a gratuity on the scale fixed being paid to him from West African Frontier Force Funds, or would prefer that a certain amount of sick-leave should be granted to him on the expiration of which he would commence to draw pay again from Indian Funds.

I am &c.,
R. L. ANTROBUS.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

No. 34,938/99. Colonial Office, Downing Street,
Sir, 27th December 1899.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to inform you with reference to your letter to Colonel Lugard of the 28th of November last, that he has been in correspondence with the India Office with regard to

your employment in the West African Frontier Force on the Niger, and that the Secretary of State for India has no objection to your being so employed temporarily. The offer of an appointment in the West African Frontier Force is, however, conditional on a satisfactory arrangement being made with the India Office as to your pension rights and contribution while so employed, and this question is still under discussion.

2. Mr. Chamberlain proposes, subject to your being pronounced by the Medical Adviser of this Department physically fit for service, to select you for appointment as a subordinate officer in the Transport Department of the West African Frontier Force, with pay at the rate of 156*l.* per annum and duty pay at the rate of 36*l.* per annum. The duty pay will only be drawn by you while you are actually discharging the duties of your post in West Africa.

3. In other respects you will be appointed on the conditions of service for British Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the West African Frontier Force, a copy of which is enclosed.

Conditions of Service for Non-commissioned Officers, dated September 1899.

4. If you are prepared to accept the appointment on these conditions, you should express your acceptance in writing to this Office, and should present yourself for medical examination to Dr. Manson, 21, Queen Anne Street, London, W., to whom you should give the enclosed letter. He will send his report direct to this Office, and his fee will be paid by this Office.

5. If finally selected for appointment you will be required to leave England on the 20th of January next, and the necessary instructions as to your passage and outfit will be sent to you in due course.

I am, &c.

R. L. ANTROBUS.

Store Sergeant G. F. Gabbett.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

African (West). No. 554.

West Africa.

Conditions of Service for British Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers of the West African Frontier Force.

1. With the approval of the Secretary of State for War and of the Commander-in-Chief, warrant and non-commissioned officers may volunteer for service in the West African Frontier Force, remaining supernumeraries in their own regiments and receiving no pay or emolument from Army funds. Service in the West African Frontier Force will reckon towards pension, subject to the conditions laid down in Article 1150 of the Royal Warrant for Pay or for service under a Colonial Government.

2. Applicants will not be accepted who are under 23 years of age. They should hold a second-class certificate of education, and be unmarried or widowers, and of good character and temperate habits.

3. Pay: A warrant or non-commissioned officer will receive pay and duty pay at the following rates. Duty pay will only be drawn by those actually performing the duty.

	Pay per Annum.	Duty Pay per Annum.
	£	£
Royal Engineers :—		
Sergeant, 2nd rating	180	24
,, 3rd rating	166	—
,, 4th rating	154	—
Royal Army Medical Corps :—		
Staff Sergeant	162	24
Orderly-Room Sergeant	140	24
Sergeant	144	—
,, 2nd rating	138	—
Royal Artillery :—		
Company Sergeant-Major	162	24
Sergeant	144	—
,, 2nd rating	138	—
Infantry Battalion Staff :—		
Sergeant-Major	156	36
Quarter-Master Sergeant	156	36
Orderly-Room Sergeant	140	24
Armourer-Sergeant	234	—
Infantry Company N.C.O. :—		
Colour-Sergeant	120	24
Sergeant	120	—
,, 2nd rating	96	—

In addition to the above, every warrant or non-commissioned officer will receive free rations, or an allowance in place of rations, and a free kit, as authorised. All other allowances are included in the above consolidated pay.

Pay will commence at the above rates from date of embarkation and cease on date of debarkation at Liverpool, except in the case of those who complete a full period of 12 months' service in Africa and are granted furlough in the United Kingdom under Condition No. 8.

4. Promotion in the British Army, subsequent to appointment, will give no claim to an increase of pay in the West African service. A warrant or non-commissioned officer will retain his place on the roll for promotion in his own regiment or corps, but cannot be specially promoted for service rendered with the West African Frontier Force. Promotion in West Africa, subsequent to appointment in any grade, will be made by selection.

5. The period of service is one year, dating from debarkation in West Africa to embarkation from West Africa, or longer, if the exigencies of the service should require it. This period may be extended, with the recommendation of the Commandant of the Force, on the application of the warrant or non-commissioned officer, if supported by a medical certificate that he is fit for continued service in West Africa, up to a period of five years, after which he will revert to his own regiment. For a period of three months after landing, a warrant or non-commissioned officer will be on probation, and his services may be dispensed with at the end of that period, if, in the opinion of the Commandant of the Force, he is unsuited for service in West Africa. The applications of non-commissioned officers who have passed an examination in Haûsa will receive prior consideration. Free passages to and from West Africa will be provided. If a warrant or non commissioned officer should desire to revert to his regiment before the expiration of the period of service for which he is engaged, he will be required to give three months' notice, and his application will be granted, provided that the exigencies of the service admit of it. If the application is made before the expiration of his first year, he will forfeit the claim to a return passage.

6. A warrant or non-commissioned officer will be liable to summary dismissal for misconduct or proved incompetency, and may be sentenced to receive only his English rate of pay from date of dismissal.

7. The services of a warrant or non-commissioned officer will be available for any military duties which the Commandant of the Force may require. He will submit to stoppages of pay ordered by the Commandant of the Force or other officer deputed by him for any offence against military law. The Commandant's (or such deputed officer's) decision is final, and in any question which may arise a warrant officer or non-commissioned officer will abide by the decision of the Commandant or an officer nominated by him.

8. Warrant officers and non-commissioned officers who have completed one year's satisfactory service, or more, from the date of landing in Africa, will be granted:—

(*a*) Three months' leave, on full West African pay, from the date of landing in England.

(*b*) Seven days' further leave, on full pay, for each completed calendar month's service beyond the year.

9. Warrant and non-commissioned officers invalided through no fault or misconduct of their own, before completing a year's service in West Africa will, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report upon their service, be granted a gratuity which will be calculated on the following scale:—

For more than three months' service and less than six months' service, a gratuity of one month's West African pay.

For six months' service or more, but less than nine months' service, a gratuity of one and a half months' West African pay.

For nine months' service or more, but less than 12 months' service, a gratuity of two months' West African pay.

A warrant or non-commissioned officer invalided will revert to his British regiment, or corps, and commence to draw pay from Army funds, immediately on arrival in England, and the question of any furlough to be granted subsequently must be decided by the Secretary of State for War.

No. 2.

M 12,558/1899.

India Office,
3rd January 1900.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th December 1889, No. 34,938/99, and to acquaint you in reply that the cost of the pension of a non-commissioned or warrant officer whose service has been partly under the Indian Government and partly elsewhere, is divided between British and Indian revenues in proportion to the length of service under the British and Indian Governmen t respectively. In no case is any contribution payable by the soldier.

As regards the case of Store-Sergeant Gabbett, I am to point out that Indian revenues could not be charged with any proportion of his pension in respect of the period of service spent under the Colonial Office. It is presumed that the proportion of pension due for such service would be paid by the War Office, as in the case of a non-commissioned officer taken from a British regiment for service under the Colonial Office; but this would be a matter for settlement between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Secretary of State for War.

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter, I am to state that in the event of Store-Sergeant Gabbett completing a tour of service (of one year) in West Africa, he would be allowed to revert to his position in the Indian Ordnance Department on completing the three months leave of absence granted under paragraph 8 of the "Conditions of Service."

But if he were invalided from West Africa before the completion of a 12 months' tour, he could not draw pay from this Office while unfit for service, and the Secretary of State would prefer that he should be granted sick leave by your Office. On his being certified fit for duty in India, he would be taken back on the Indian Establishment and would commence to draw pay again from Indian revenues.

I have, &c.,
E. STEDMAN, Major-General,
Military Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

No. 3.

No. 1527. Colonial Office, Downing Street,
17th January 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. M. 12,558, of the 3rd of January, and to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, a copy of correspondence with the War Office, from which he will see that it has been arranged that the proportion of Store-Sergeant G. F. Gabbett's Indian pension which corresponds to his services in the West African Frontier Force, will be admitted as a charge against Army Funds.

2. Arrangements are being made for Store-Sergeant Gabbett to leave England on the 7th of February.

I am, &c.,
R. L. ANTROBUS.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

No. 398. Colonial Office, Downing Street,
9th January 1900.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, No. 7860/G/622, of the 13th of December last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquess of Lansdowne, a copy of correspondence* with the India Office, relating to the employment of Store-Sergeant G. F. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, in the West African Frontier Force.

* India Office to Colonial Office, dated 16th December 1899.
Colonial Office to India Office, dated 27th December 1899.
India Office to Colonial Office, dated 3rd January 1900.

2. Lord Lansdowne will see that the question of Store Sergeant Gabbett's pension rights for the period during which he may be employed in the West African Frontier Force, has been under discussion, and I am to inquire whether the proportion of pension which may ultimately become due to Store-Sergeant Gabbett in respect of his period of service with the West African Frontier Force will be paid from Army Funds.

3. I am to request that a reply may be sent to this letter at your earliest convenience, as the services of an additional officer are urgently required in the Transport Department of the West African Frontier Force.

I am, &c.,
R. L. ANTROBUS.

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office.

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

War Office, London, S.W.,
13th January 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, No. 398/1900, relative to the employment of Store-Sergeant G. F. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, in the West African Frontier Force; and I am in reply to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, that the proportion of this non-commissioned officer's Indian pension which corresponds to his service in the West African Frontier Force will be admitted as a charge against Army Funds.

I am, &c.,
J. S. Robb,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General,
for Adjutant-General.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

No. 4.

M 742.

India Office,
26th January 1900.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th January 1900, No. 1527/1900, and to acquaint you in reply that Store-Sergeant G. F. Gabbett will be paid by this Office up to and including 6th February 1900, and his pay from Colonial Funds should commence from 7th February 1900, the date of his embarkation.

I am, &c.,
E. Stedman, Major-General,
Military Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Addressed to

Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in *weeks*

Noted for

India Office,
26 Jan: 1900

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of

17 Jan.y 1900 No 1527/1900

and to acquaint you in reply that

Store-Sergeant G. F. Gabbett

will be paid by this

Office up to and including

6th February 1900, and

his pay from Colonial

Funds should commence

from 7th February 1900. the

date of his Embarkation

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(S'D) E. STEDMAN,
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Military Department.

Referred to The Accountant Genl The 29th Jany 1900.

For information.

Store Sergeant Gabbett should be paid up to 6 February 1900 and a last pay certificate should be issued to him.

Sedman
Major General
Mily. Secretary

Noted. A draft for pay has been issued accordingly and a Last Pay Certificate granted.

A. J. Scott

5th February 1900.

(Form 24.)

Y 4302. 1500.—8/99. I. 1389.

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Military Department.

Referred to The Financial Sec.y The 19th Jan.y 1900.

For information

Sir Redvers

Major General

Mily. Sec.y

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The arrangement made with the Colonial Office in regard to the division of Store Sergeant Gabbett's pension has been noted. I do not think, however it will be found, should he eventually retire as a Non-Commissioned or Warrant Officer on an Indian pension, that it is the intention of the War Office to treat this case exceptionally as indicated in their letter to the Colonial Office. The Indian pension of a Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officer is not divided between the two Governments in proportion to service. The amount payable by the British Government is the British

service

(Form 24.)

Y 4302. 1500.—8/99. I. 1389.

Service shall calculated upon the British pension
to an officer of corresponding rank in the British
Army — Thus, an Indian Warrant officer
may be pensioned on £216 a year, while the
highest pension attainable by a British officer,
with whom, under certain circumstances, the Indian
officer might be held to rank, is £200 a year, viz.t.
that of a Quarter Master. In many cases
however it would be much less than this.

The claim will, however, should it arise, be
made in accordance with the War office Letter.

Henry Waterfield.

23rd January 1900.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 1527/1900.

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Downing Street,

17 January, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.M.12558 of the 3rd of January, and to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, a copy of correspondence with the War Office from which he will see that it has been arranged that the proportion of Store-Sergeant G.F.Gabbett's Indian pension which corresponds to his services in the West African Frontier Force will be admitted as a charge against Army Funds.

C.O. to W.O. Jan 9
W.O. to C.O. - Jan. 13

2. Arrangements are being made for Store-Sergeant Gabbett to leave England on the 7th of February.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

INDIA OFFICE.

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Downing Street,

9th January 1900.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.7860/G/622 of the 13th of December last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquess of Lansdowne, a copy of correspondence with the India Office, relating to the employment of Store Sergeant G.F.Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, in the West African Frontier Force.

I.O.to C.O.Dec. 16

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2. Lord Lansdowne will see that the question of Store Sergeant Gabbett's pension rights for the period during which he may be employed in the West African Frontier Force, has been under discussion, and I am to enquire whether the proportion of pension which may ultimately become due to Store Sergeant Gabbett in respect of his period of service with the West African Frontier Force will be paid from Army Funds.

3. I am to request that a reply may be sent to this letter at your earliest convenience, as the services of an additional officer are urgently required in the Transport Department of the West African Frontier Force.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd) R.L.Antrobus

The Under Secretary of State,

War Office.

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War Office, London, S.W.

13th January 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, No.398/1900 relative to the employment of Store Sergeant G.F.Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, in the West African Frontier Force; and I am in reply to acquaint you, for the information of Mr Secretary Chamberlain, that the proportion of this non-commissioned officer's Indian pension which corresponds to his service in the West African Frontier Force will be admitted as a charge against Army Funds.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) J.S.Robb, D.A.A.G.

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The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office, S.W.

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From S. Sergt G. T. Gabbett
9. Inglington Place
Woolwich.

To The Under Secretary of State for India
India Office
S.W.

16th January 1900

Sir

With reference to M 478 dt- 13.1.1900 -
That having been granted permission to
close my course I respectfully beg to
give notice of Change of address; From
tomorrow 17th Inst my address will be:-

c/o Sergt T. Gabbett
7. Silver Crescent
Greenwich S.E.

2. In accordance with the instructions
as laid down in Military Department
Form No. 80. I wish to remind you
that under ordinary circumstances

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my leave would expire on the 13th
March next. But I trust you
will see your way to extend it
pending my temporary transfer to the
Colonial Establishment should the
occasion require it.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

G. T. Galbraith S.S.C.

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Addressed to The Under Secretary of State
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Reminder in Rich. *weeks.*

Noted for

Lr E. Stedman
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this matter over with
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INDIA OFFICE,
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Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th Decr. 1899 No. 54988/99

and to acquaint you in reply that

the cost of the pension of a Non commissioned or Warrant Officer whose service has been partly under the Indian Government and partly elsewhere is divided between British and Indian revenues in proportion to the length

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of service under the British and Indian Governments respectively.

In no case is any contribution payable by the Soldier.

As regards the case of Store-Sergeant Gabbett I am to point out that Indian revenues could not be charged with any proportion of his pension in respect of the period of service spent under the Colonial Office.

It is presumed that the proportion of pension due for such service would be paid by the War Office, as in the case of a Non-commissioned Officer taken from a British regiment for service under the Colonial Office; but this

would be a matter for settlement between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Secretary of State for War.

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter I am to state that in the Event of Store-Sergeant Gabbett completing a tour of service (of one year) in West Africa he would be allowed to revert to his position in the Indian Ordnance Dept on completing the three months Leave of absence granted under paragraph 8 of the "Conditions of service." But if he were invalided from West Africa before the completion of a 12 months tour, he would

could not draw pay from this
Office while unfit for service.
and the Secretary of State
would prefer that he should
be granted sick-leave by your
Office. On his being certified
fit for duty in India he
would be taken back on the
Indian Establishment and
would commence to draw pay
again from Indian revenues. —

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

W.H.S.
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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 34938/99.

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No 1.

Downing Street,

27 December, 1899.

C.O. to Store-Sergeant Gabbett Dec. 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M.12170 of the 16th of December, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, a copy of a letter which has been addressed to Store-Sergeant G.F.Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, with regard to his employment in the West African Frontier Force.

2. With reference to the latter part of the 1st paragraph of your letter, I am to observe that this Department incurs no liability for pension in the case of Non-Commissioned Officers whose services are lent to the West African Frontier Force from British regiments and corps, and I am to enquire whether the difficulty as to pension in the case of Store-Sergeant Gabbett could not be met by this Department or himself paying the pension-contribution for which he becomes liable during his period of service with the West African Frontier Force, the responsibility for pension of any kind remaining as at present with the India Office and the period of service with the West African Frontier Force counting as Indian service in respect

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respect of pension. If so, I am to enquire what will be approximately the amount of such contribution per annum.

Conditions of Service for N.C.O. dated Sept '99

3. With reference to the 8th and 9th paragraphs of the Conditions of Service for British Non-Commissioned Officers of the West African Frontier Force, of which a copy is enclosed for reference, I am to enquire whether, in the event of Store-Sergeant Gabbett completing a full tour of service with the West African Frontier Force, he would be allowed to revert to his position in the Indian Ordnance Department immediately on the expiration of his three months' leave of absence from the West African Frontier Force, (unless, with the consent of the Secretary of State for India, he were employed further with the West African Frontier Force); and whether, in the event of his being invalided before the completion of 12 months' service in West Africa, the Secretary of State for India would be willing to adopt the arrangement as to invalided Non-Commissioned Officers described in the 9th paragraph of the Conditions of Service and allow him to commence to draw pay from Indian funds immediately on his arrival in England invalided, a gratuity on the scale fixed being paid to him from West African Frontier Force funds, or would prefer that a certain amount of sick-leave should be granted to him on the expiration of which he would commence to draw pay again fron Indian Funds.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

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Downing Street,

27 December, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr.Secretary Chamberlain to inform you with reference to your letter to Colonel Lugard of the 28th of November last, that he has been in correspondence with the India Office with regard to your employment in the West African Frontier Force on the Niger, and that the Secretary of State for India has no objection to your being so employed temporarily. The offer of an appointment in the West African Frontier Force is, however, conditional on a satisfactory arrangement being made with the India Office as to your pension rights and contribution while so employed and this question is still under discussion.

2. Mr.Chamberlain proposes, subject to your being pronounced by the Medical Adviser of this Department physically fit for service, to select you for appointment as a subordinate officer in the Transport Department of the West African Frontier Force, with pay at the rate of £156 per annum and duty pay at the rate of £36 per annum. The duty-pay will only be drawn by you while you are actually discharging the duties of your post in West Africa.

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STORE-SERGEANT G.F.GABBETT.

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3. In other respects you will be appointed on the conditions of service for British Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the West African Frontier Force, a copy of which is enclosed.

Conditions of Service for N.C.O. dated Sept.1899.

4. If you are prepared to accept the appointment on these conditions, you should express your acceptance in writing to this Office, and should present yourself for medical examination to Dr.Manson, 21 Queen Anne Street, London, W., to whom you should give the enclosed letter. He will send his report direct to this Office, and his fee will be paid by this Office.

5. If finally selected for appointment you will be required to leave England on the 20th of January next, and the necessary instructions as to your passage and outfit will be sent to you in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R. L. Antrobus.

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African (West)
No. 554.

WEST AFRICA.

Conditions of Service for British Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers of the West African Frontier Force.

1. With the approval of the Secretary of State for War and of the Commander-in-Chief, warrant and non-commissioned officers may volunteer for service in the West African Frontier Force, remaining supernumeraries in their own regiments and receiving no pay or emolument from Army funds. Service in the West African Frontier Force will reckon towards pension, subject to the conditions laid down in Article 1150 of the Royal Warrant for Pay or for service under a Colonial Government.

2. Applicants will not be accepted who are under 23 years of age. They should hold a second-class certificate of education, and be unmarried or widowers, and of good character and temperate habits.

3. Pay: A warrant or non-commissioned officer will receive pay and duty pay at the following rates. Duty pay will only be drawn by those actually performing the duty.

	Pay per Annum.	Duty pay per Annum.
	£	£
Royal Engineers—		
Sergeant, 2nd rating	180	24
„ 3rd rating	166	...
„ 4th rating	154	...
Royal Army Medical Corps—		
Staff Sergeant	162	24
Orderly-Room Sergeant	140	24
Sergeant	144	...
„ 2nd rating	138	...
Royal Artillery—		
Company Sergeant-Major	162	24
Sergeant	144	...
„ 2nd rating	138	...
Infantry-Battalion Staff—		
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Quarter-Master Sergeant	156	36
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Armourer-Sergeant	234	...
Infantry-Company N.C.O.—		
Colour-Sergeant	120	24
Sergeant	120	...
„ 2nd rating	96	...

In addition to the above, every warrant or non-commissioned officer will receive free rations, or an allowance in place of rations, and a free kit, as authorised. All other allowances are included in the above consolidated pay.

Pay will commence at the above rates from date of embarkation and cease on date of debarkation at Liverpool, except in the case of those who complete a full period of twelve months' service in Africa and are granted furlough in the United Kingdom under condition No. 8.

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4. Promotion in the British Army, subsequent to appointment, will give no claim to an increase of pay in the West African service. A warrant or non-commissioned officer will retain his place on the roll for promotion in his own regiment or corps, but cannot be specially promoted for service rendered with the West African Frontier Force. Promotion in West Africa, subsequent to appointment in any grade, will be made by selection.

5. The period of service is one year, dating from debarkation in West Africa to embarkation from West Africa, or longer, if the exigencies of the Service should require it. This period may be extended, with the recommendation of the Commandant of the Force, on the application of the warrant or non-commissioned officer, if supported by a medical certificate that he is fit for continued service in West Africa, up to a period of five years, after which he will revert to his own regiment. For a period of three months after landing, a warrant or non-commissioned officer will be on probation, and his services may be dispensed with at the end of that period, if, in the opinion of the Commandant of the Force, he is unsuited for service in West Africa. The applications of non-commissioned officers who have passed an examination in Haúsa will receive prior consideration. Free passages to and from West Africa will be provided. If a warrant or non-commissioned officer should desire to revert to his regiment before the expiration of the period of service for which he is engaged, he will be required to give three months' notice, and his application will be granted, provided that the exigencies of the service admit of it. If the application is made before the expiration of his first year, he will forfeit the claim to a return passage.

6. A warrant or non-commissioned officer will be liable to summary dismissal for misconduct or proved incompetency, and may be sentenced to receive only his English rate of pay from date of dismissal.

7. The services of a warrant or non-commissioned officer will be available for any military duties which the Commandant of the Force may require. He will submit to stoppages of pay ordered by the Commandant of the Force or other officer deputed by him for any offence against military law. The Commandant's (or such deputed officer's) decision is final, and in any question which may arise a warrant officer or non-commissioned officer will abide by the decision of the Commandant or an officer nominated by him.

8. Warrant officers and non-commissioned officers who have completed one year's satisfactory service, or more, from the date of landing in Africa, will be granted :—

(*a*) Three months' leave, on full West African pay, from the date of landing in England.

(*b*) Seven days' further leave, on full pay, for each completed calendar month's service beyond the year.

9. Warrant and non-commissioned officers invalided, through no fault or misconduct of their own, before completing a year's service in West Africa will, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report upon their service, be granted a gratuity which will be calculated on the following scale :—

For more than three months' service and less than six months' service, a gratuity of one month's West African pay.

For six months' service or more, but less than nine months' service, a gratuity of one and a half months' West African pay.

For nine months' service or more, but less than twelve months' service, a gratuity of two months' West African pay.

A warrant or non-commissioned officer invalided will revert to his British regiment or corps, and commence to draw pay from Army funds, immediately on arrival in England, and the question of any furlough to be granted subsequently must be decided by the Secretary of State for War.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF India

No. 1 para. 10

Dated 4 Jan 1900

10. I forward, for the information of your Government, copy of correspondence with the Colonial Office regarding Store Sergeant G. F. Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Colonial Office for employment in the West African Frontier Force.

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(Form 5.)

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Reference Paper.

Military Department.

Referred to The Financial Secretary The 21st December 1899.

For information.

H. Redmond
Major General
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Henry Waterfield

28th December 1899

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

India Office,

16 DEC. 1899

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India~~ in ~~Council~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th Dec. 1899 33421/99 transmitted from the F.O. and to acquaint you in reply that the Secretary of State for India in Council has no objection to the services of Staff Surgt. J. F. Jabbett, Indian Medical Dept., being placed at the disposal of the Secretary of Chamberlain for employment in the West African Frontier Force provided that this service is not to be counted as Indian service in respect of pension, & that this Office will not be liable for reward or injury pension. This non-commissioned officer is on leave at this County on Medical Certificate & it may be considered necessary & desirable that he should be medically examined

I am to request to be informed with

Reminder in weeks.

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(Form 16.)

Y 28896. 1000.—7/96. I. 1316.

with the date of the departure of
Staff Sergt. J. T. Jabbett with a view
to the adjustment of his furlough pay.

(Sgd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 33421/99

Downing Street,

6 December, 1899

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Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to request you to move the Marquis of Lansdowne to be so good as to place at his disposal the services of Store-Sergeant G.F.Gabbett, Indian Ordnance Department, for employment as a subordinate officer in the Store and Transport Department of the West African Frontier Force.

2. The pay of the appointment is at the rate of £156 per annum, with duty pay at the rate of £36 per annum. In other respects Sergeant Gabbett would be engaged on the same conditions as other British Non-Commissioned Officers attached to the West African Frontier Force. A copy of these conditions is enclosed for reference.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

The Under Secretary of State

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The Under Secretary of State for War begs to transmit the enclosed

application from the Colonial Office

dated 6th Instant ~~for~~ asking for the services of Store

Sergeant G. F. Caldecott, Indian Ordnance Department

to the Under Secretary of State, India Office

to whom the subject appertains.

War Office, S.W.,

13th December, 1899.

The

Under Secretary of State,

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